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SUBJ: LIBYAN REACTION TO CHILEAN COUP

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1. IN ADDITION TO REFERENCE (A), WHICH PROVIDED INDEPENDENT "AL-BALAGH" COVERAGE SUGGESTING THAT ALLENDE OUSTER WAS PERHAPS ENGINEERED BY THE U.S. IN CAHOOTS WITH THE SOVIET UNION, LIBYAN PRESS HAS NOT REACTED STRONGLY TO CHILEAN COUP. THE NEW INDEPENDENT "AL-RAY" CARRIED A PAGE -THREE ARTICLE SAYING THAT THE U.S. INTELLIGENCE WAS BEHIND THE COUP AND THAT BY THIS ACT THE USG WANTED TO SHOW ATTENDEES AT THE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE IN ALGIERS THAT SHE WOULD NOT HESITATE IN CARRYING OUT AN IMPERIALIST ROLE. THE PAPER SAYS THAT "THE VICTORY" OF THE U.S. IN CHILE WAS ACHIEVED AFTER NUMEROUS ATTEMPTS.

2. THE OFFICIAL "AL-FAJR" SAID USG SOURCES SAID USG HAD ADVANCE KNOWLEDGE OF THE COUP AND RELIABLE INFORMATION ABOUT IT HAD REACHED WASHINGTON TEN HOURS BEFORE THE COUP

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STARTED. PAPER REASONED THAT US DECIDED NOT TO GET

INVOLVED IN CHILEAN EVENTS AND THEREFORE NO CONTACTS WERE MADE BETWEEN USG AND THE COUP LEADERS OR WITH THE ALLENDE GOVERNMENT.

3. THE MALTESE-PUBLISHED "MEDITERRANEAN NEWS" TAILORED FOR DISTRIBUTION HERE HEADLINES THE BOMBING OF AN AMERICAN FIRM IN BARCELONA IN PROTEST TO THE CHILEAN COUP, BUT EXCEPT FOR STATING "IT IS WIDELY BELIEVED THE US PLAYED A HAND", THERE IS NO POLEMIC CONTENT. A BACK PAGE EDITORIAL MERELY STATES THAT THE U.S. HAS REFUSED TO COMMENT ON THE COUP, "BUT IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND MILITARY-RULED SANTIAGO WILL NOW GET MUCH BETTER."

4. GIVEN LIBYAN PROPENSITY FOR JAWBONING USG ON ALMOST ANY SUBJECT, COVERAGE OF CHILEAN COUP APPEARS TO US RATHER MODERATE. DESPITE REPORTED EFFORTS BY LIBYAN GOVERNMENT TO FIDDLE IN LATIN AMERICAN AFFAIRS, FOR THE VAST MAJORITY OF LIBYANS LATIN AMERICA IS A WORLD AWAY. FOR THIS REASON PERHAPS THE LIBYANS HAVE CHOSEN TO AVOID BLOWING CHILEAN COUP OUT OF PROPORTION FOR PROPAGANDA BENEFIT.

5. WE ARE SOMEWHAT INTRIGUED BY FACT THAT TRIPOLI WAS ONLY ADDRESSEE ON REF. (B). WE SURMISE THAT DEPT WONDERED IF LIBYANS MIGHT MAKE MATCH-UP BETWEEN ALLENDE TAKE-OVER OF AMERICAN ASSETS IN CHILE AND CURRENT LIBYAN ACTIONS AGAINST U.S. OIL INTERESTS HERE AND FURTHER, THAT ALLENDE'S DEMISE MIGHT LEND CREDENCE TO LIBYAN PROPAGANDA THAT U.S. PLANS BOYCOTT/RETALIATION/ MILITARY INTERVENTION IN DEFENSE OF OIL INTERESTS. WE SEE NO EVIDENCE THAT THE LIBYANS ARE MAKING THIS MATCH-UP. IN FACT, LARG BEGAN TALKING OF POSSIBLE AMERICAN BOYCOTT OR MILITARY ACTION LONG BEFORE CHILEAN COUP TOO PLACE, AND COMMENT TO THIS EFFECT CONTINUES INDEPENDENTLY (TRIPOLI 1195).  
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